UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Breeanne Buckley Peni, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. 22-cv-05443 Honorable Denise L. Cote

ν.

DAILY HARVEST, INC. and SECOND BITE FOODS, INC. d/b/a "STONE GATE FOODS",

Defendants.

PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO PRELIMINARILY APPROVE CLASS <u>ACTION SETTLEMENT, APPOINT CLASS COUNSEL, APPROVE PROPOSED</u> CLASS NOTICE, AND SCHEDULE A FINAL APPROVAL HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, upon the Joint Declaration of William D. Marler, James R. Peluso, and Jeffrey A. Bowersox, sworn to on May 2, 2024, and the accompanying exhibits and memorandum of law, and upon all prior proceedings, pleadings, and filings in the above-captioned action, Plaintiff Breeanne Buckley Peni will move this Court at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007, before the Honorable Denise L. Cote, United States District Judge, for an Order under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 to:

1. Grant preliminary approval of the proposed Class Action Settlement in the amount of Twenty-Two Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$22,999,000.00) with the Settling Defendants Daily Harvest, Inc., and Second Bite Foods, Inc., on behalf of the Settlement Class Members according to the terms of the parties' Settlement Agreement;

- 2. Have the proposed Amended Class Action Complaint serve as the operative complaint for the settlement of all litigation and claims against the Settling Defendants;
- 3. Certify, for settlement purposes only, the Rule 23(b)(3) Class which is defined as "All persons in the United States (including its territories) who purchased, received, or consumed French Lentil + Leek Crumbles ("the Product" or "the Crumbles") and directly suffered personal injuries allegedly caused by the consumption of the Crumbles, and all persons in the United States (including its territories) who suffered consequential monetary damages arising from or related to another person's alleged personal injuries arising from consumption of the Crumbles."
- 4. Approve the form, substance, and distribution of the proposed Form of class notices ("the Class Notice");
- 5. Approve the proposed Claim Form and Allocation Matrix;
- 6. Preliminarily approve the manner of distribution of the Settlement Fund;
- 7. Appoint Edgar Gentle of Gentle Turner & Benson, LLC as the Settlement Administrator for purposes of administering the Notice and Settlement Program;
- 8. Appoint Plaintiff Breeanne Buckley Peni as class representative;
- 9. Appoint Plaintiff's Counsel as attorneys for the class ("Class Counsel");
- Set deadlines and procedures for persons who fall within the class definition to exclude themselves or object to the proposed Settlement;
- 11. Set a date for the Final Approval Hearing to determine whether the proposed Settlement should be granted final approval; and
- 12. Stay all proceedings in this action with respect to the Settling Parties, other than those necessary to administer and evaluate the proposed Settlement.

A proposed Order to grant preliminary approval of the Settlement is attached to the accompanying Joint Declaration of William D. Marler, James R. Peluso, and Jeffrey A. Bowersox in support of the motion.

Oral argument is requested to the extent desired by the Court.

Dated: May 2, 2024 Respectfully submitted,

/s/ William D. Marler

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